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Letter dated 26 March 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the communiqué issued on 24 March 1999 by the Government of Mexico concerning the situation in Kosovo (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 64, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Manuel TELLO
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Annex

Communiqué issued on 14 March 1999 by the Government of Mexico

In connection with the air strikes begun today by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization against Serbian military targets, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its concern that no peaceful means of solving the existing dispute among the various parties to the conflict in Kosovo has been found. It also regrets the recourse to the use of force in the Balkan region without the express consent of the Security Council, the body responsible for maintaining international peace and security.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico is firmly convinced that the preferred means of settling a conflict must be dialogue and negotiation, and it therefore calls on all parties to resume, as soon as possible, talks with a view to achieving a stable and lasting peace based on respect for the human rights of all ethnic groups in the region, and on the territorial integrity of States.